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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 45. Cancelled

69. - 70. Cancelled

84 – 88. Cancelled

89. (currently amended) A method of generating a multimedia bookmark having a title or image representing said bookmark, comprising:

selecting a particular location within a multimedia file;

generating at least two of the following three pieces of information for identifying said particular location: positional information; content information; and metadata information; and storing said generated information.

90. (original) The method of claim 89 wherein said positional information comprises one or more of a URI, a URL, an elapsed time, or a time code.

91. (original) The method of claim 89 wherein said content information comprises one or more of an image, a captured frame, a thumbnail image of a captured frame, audio data, or a string of characters.

92. (original) The method of claim 89 wherein said metadata information contains offset information correlating said particular location in a master file with the same location in one or more slave files.

93. (currently amended) A method of generating a multimedia bookmark, comprising:

selecting a multimedia file;

playing the selected file;

invoking an add-bookmark command corresponding to a particular location in the selected file;

generating a bookmark in response to the add-bookmark command, said bookmark containing at least two of the following three pieces of information for identifying said particular

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location: positional information; content information; and metadata information excluding a title of said bookmark;

storing said bookmark; and

displaying at the user location an icon representative of the stored bookmark.

94. (original) The method of claim 93 wherein said positional information comprises one or more of a URI, a URL, an elapsed time, or a time code.

95. (original) The method of claim 93 wherein said content information comprises one or more of an image, a captured frame, a thumbnail image of a captured frame, audio data, or a string of characters.

96. (original) The method of claim 93 wherein said metadata information contains offset information correlating said particular location in a master file with the same location in one or more slave files.

97. (original) The method of claim 93 wherein said content information comprises a thumbnail image of a captured frame, and wherein said icon representative of the stored bookmark is said thumbnail image.

98. (original) The method of claim 93 wherein said multimedia file is stored on a server, said method additionally comprising downloading said selected file from said server, and playing said selected file either during or after downloading.

99. (currently amended) A system for enabling access to a particular location within a multimedia file, comprising:

a memory device for storing a multimedia bookmark, the multimedia bookmark comprising at least two of the following three pieces of information: position information; content information; and metadata information about a particular location within said multimedia file;

means for invoking said multimedia bookmark;

a search mechanism responsive to said information in said multimedia bookmark for enabling access to said particular location within said multimedia file without accessing the beginning of said multimedia file.

100. (original) The system of claim 99 wherein said search mechanism identifies a plurality of locations in said multimedia file in response to said bookmark.

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101. (original) The system of claim 99 further comprising an access mechanism for reading the multimedia file beginning at said particular location identified by said search mechanism.

102. (original) The method of claim 99 wherein said positional information comprises one or more of a URL, a URL, an elapsed time, or a time code.

103. (original) The method of claim 99 wherein said content information comprises one or more of an image, a captured frame, a thumbnail image of a captured frame, audio data, or a string of characters.

104. (original) The method of claim 99 wherein said metadata information contains offset information correlating said particular location in a master file with the same location in one or more slave files.

105. (new) The method of generating a multimedia bookmark of claim 89 wherein said metadata information includes annotated text created by a user.

106. (new) The method of generating a multimedia bookmark of claim 93 wherein said metadata information includes annotated text created by a user.